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1. [ ] WHILE TRYING FIND OUT HOW US WOULD VOTE ON UAR/GHANA RES, SAID [ ] WOULD HAVE TO VOTE AGAINST IT BECAUSE IT WOULD HAVE EFFECT OF TACITLY APPROVING US BLOCKAD.

2. WE ASKED [ ] ABOUT SOV REACTION TO RES. HE CONFIRMED THAT SOVS HAD INFORMED [ ] THEY WOULD VETO RES, GIVING SAME REASONS AS [ ] HAD GIVEN TO US. [ ] SAID HE PERSONALLY NOT CERTAIN THAT SOVIET UNION WOULD VETO RES BECAUSE IF THEY DID SO, REACTION OF NEUTRAL NATIONS WOULD BE STRONGLY AGAINST SOVS AND NEUTRALS WOULD THEN SWING TO SIDE OF WEST.

3. [ ] POINTED OUT THAT UAR SPEECH HAD THREE MAJOR POINTS WHICH HE FEARED HAD SOMEHOW BEEN LOST IN PRESENTATION: A) UAR CALLED FOR A "NEUTRAL, SOCIALIST CUBA"; IN OTHER WORDS, UAR BELIEVES US IS ABSOLUTELY CORRECT IN RESISTING ESTABLISHMENT SOV PUPPET STATE 90 MILES FROM FLORIDA COAST. B) UAR SPOKE AGAINST INTRODUCTION OF ANY NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO LATIN AMERICA; THIS CORRESPONDED WITH STRONG DESIRE UAR AND OTHER NEUTRALS AVOID FURTHER SPREAD NUCLEAR WEAPONS. C) UAR CALLED FOR REMOVAL OF ALL FOREIGN BASES, INCLUDING SOV BASE IN CUBA (HE NOTED HE HAD BEEN VERY IMPRESSED BY US PICTURES OF CUBAN ROCKET BASES); WHILE REALIZING LIQUIDATION OF BASES COULD NOT BE ACCOMPLISHED OVERNIGHT IF ROUGH BALANCE OF POWER TO BE MAINTAINED, UAR CONSIDERED THIS TO BE ESSENTIAL LONG-RAN ELEMENT OF SETTLEMENT.

4. [ ] ALSO POINTED TO "NEUTRAL SOCIALIST CUBA" FORMULATION IN UAR SPEECH SAYING THIS REPRESENTED

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IMPORTANT AND COMMONLY AGREED ELEMENT AMONG MANY NEUTRALS INCLUDING [ ] HE SAID [ ] HAD STRONGLY URGED ZORIN TO AGREE TO POLITICAL NEUTRALIZATION OF CUBA, DEVELOPMENT WHICH THEY WERE TRYING PERSUADE RUSSIANS WOULD BE ALSO IN SOV INTEREST SINCE IT WOULD AVOID OVEREXTENSION OF SOV RESOURCES AND WOULD CONVINCE NEUTRALS THAT SOVIET UNION REALLY WANTED CO-EXIST. [ ] SAID AS RESULT SOV REACTION HERE HAS BEEN BITTER AGAINST [ ] MISSION OFFICER NOTED THAT SOVS SEEMED TO BE SOMEWHAT AT LOSS ABOUT WHAT LINE TO TAKE IN CORRIDOR. [ ] SAID HIS DEL HAD NOTED WITH CONCERN THAT FOR LAST FEW DAYS MEMBERS OF SOV DEL HAD BEEN SPREADING GLOOM AND DOOM. ONLY THIS AFTERNOON WHEN TEXT OF KHRUSHCHEV LETTER TO LORD RUSSELL ARRIVED DID SOV DEL BEGIN SOUND MORE SANGUINE NOTE. (SOVS HAVE GIVEN CIRCULATION IN CORRIDORS TO KHRUSHCHEV LETTER TO LORD RUSSELL.)

5. TONIGHT FOL SC ADJOURNMENT [ ] REMARKED IN ANSWER OUR QUESTION THAT SYG'S APPEAL, WHILE FAR FROM PERFECT, SEEMED IN GENERAL TO BE STATESMANLIKE APPROACH AND ONE WHICH COULD "GIVE WAY OUT."

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